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SUBJECT: CANADIAN REQUEST TO POSTPONE UN CRIME PREVENTION
CONGRESS

REF: STATE 175009

1. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE JULY 25 TOOK UP CANADIAN REQUEST TO POSTPONE FIFTH CONGRESS ON CRIME PREVENTION. AT REQUEST OF ALGERIA, COMMITTEE DECIDED TO MEET AGAIN TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 29, FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF MATTER.

2. AFTER EXPLAINING CANADA'S POSITION ALONG LINES OF AIDE-MEMOIRE GOC GAVE SYG DAY BEFORE, CANADIAN REP TOOK PAINS TO SPELL OUT CANADA'S POLICY ON ADMISSIBILITY OF PLO OBSERVERS TO CANADA, QUOTING MACEACHEN'S REPLY TO PRESS QUERT ON THIS SUBJECT. HE SAID CANADA WOULD CONSULT WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND THE SECRETARIAT ON A CONVENIENT DATE FOR FIFTH CONGRESS, BUT ASSUMED THAT SUMMER WOULD BE BEST FOR CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS.

3. US REP SUPPORTED CANADIAN REQUEST. FRENCH REP SAID FRANCE'S "FIRST REACTION" WAS TO FAVOR HOLDING CONGRESS IN GENEVA THIS YEAR ON SCHEDULED DATES. THERE WERE NO OTHER SPEAKERS FOR OR
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AGAINST CANADIAN REQUEST, ALTHOUGH ALGERIA IMPLIED

CONSIDERABLE DOUBT AND ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER CANADA WOULD CARRY OUT ITS COMMITMENT TO HOLD HABITAT CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER.

4. SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE SERVICES OFFICIAL (RUTLEDGE) TOLD COMMITTEE THAT SERVICES COULD POSSIBLY BE PROVIDED IN JULY OR AUGUST 1976 *94 FOR HOLDING CONGRESS IN CANADA WITH USE OF FREE LANCE INTERPRETERS DEPENDING IN PART ON LAW OF THE SEA REQUIREMENTS, WHEREAS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER 1976 REGULAR NEW YORK RECOURCES WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETING IN CANADA.

5. GERHARD NUELLER, CHIEF OF CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION IN SECRETARIAT, DESCRIBED TO COMMITTEE IN MATTER OF FACT WAY HOW CHANGE IN SCHEDULING OF CONFERENCE WOULD INTERFERE WITH TIMING OF OTHER UN ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD PLANNED FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS.

6. AFTER FRENCH PROPOSED THAT CONGRESS BE HELD IN GENEVA THIS YEAR, RUTLEDGE SAD THAT THIS COULD BE DONE BUT WOULD INVOLVE 140,000 DOLLARS IN CONFERENCE SERVICE EXPRESSES PLUS CERTAIN EXPRESSES OF SUBSTANTIVE SECRETARIAT. HE NOTED THAT PRIOR ACABQ APPROVAL WOULD BE NEEDED.
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